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From: Paul Baker
To: chris_conrad@blm.gov; nathan_sill@blm.gov
Date: 1/10/2008 3:15 PM
Subject: Desert Sienna Map
Attachments: DesertSiennaMap.pdf

Taking a shot in the dark for Chris's e mail address . . .

Jerome Bown called and asked if I would send you a copy of a map of the Desert Sienna Quarry they submitted to us. He indicated this map is more accurate than the one in the BLM's plan of operations.

He just received a deficiency letter we sent last August. Basically, there were inconsistencies between the notice we received and the BLM's plan of operations. I don't know whether we have a copy of the approved plan of operations, but Jerome said he would fax it to me. I will then review it for compliance with our regulations, and assuming it meets those requirements, we will use it as his notice. We will need to coordinate a surety amount. At one time, it was going to be \$20,700, and that may still work.

~~I think~~ I had concurrence from Becky, but I wanted their approval again because of changes in the mine plan and because they had new people.

see my e mail

From: Paul Baker
To: Christopher_Conrad@blm.gov
Date: 2/14/2008 1:41 PM
Subject: Desert Sienna Surety

Chris--

Are you familiar with Bown Stone's Desert Sienna project? Have you thought about the surety amount? The standard amounts we use for small mines are \$5900 for the first acre and \$3700 for subsequent acres. For a five-acre site, this comes to \$20,700.

I believe this would be adequate for Desert Sienna, but I need your concurrence before proceeding. Please let me know what you think.

On another issue: I still haven't re-done the Diamond K spreadsheet (I'm putting off an unpleasant task--notifying my boss and Karen that I made a mistake). I may have said this before, but I will try to get it done by the end of the day tomorrow.

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From: Paul Baker
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Date: 3/17/2008 7:35 AM
Subject: Re: Bond for the Desert Sienna Project

I got your subsequent e mail that \$20,700 would be okay, but I'm trying to respond to your last question. I'm not sure what you mean by mining claim bonds and other ground disturbing events. I only have experience with bonds for mining operations and only very limited experience with the actual costs of reclamation. The White Cap Mine (Gypsum Resources Development) was a 5-acre mine that was reclaimed about a year ago. I considered it a typical site with no surface facilities (except a portable grizzly that may still be there), and I understand the cost was about \$18,000. I don't know if this answers your question.

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>>> <Christopher_Conrad@blm.gov> 3/11/2008 9:11 PM >>>
Paul: I went through the program again and came up with \$22,500. That's as low as it could go.
That's still over yours, but closer.

If that will work for you I'll send out a letter. Let me know.
And, I just got back a letter I sent to you, it had something wrong with the mailing address and was returned. That's probably why you hadn't received it yet. Sorry.

(When you compare mining claim bonds (\$5700 first acre and \$3700 for each additional acre) to other ground disturbing events, do to they come out the same for you? I'm Curious I haven't done any comparisons.

CC

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